



The Tia Foundation

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Winter Newsletter 2020

We have had 27 proud graduates during our February project in San Martin de Hidalgo, Jalisco. There were more than a few tears of pride and happiness at the graduation. Many people who attended were so excited to receive the first diploma of their lives, their Tia diploma. Through the generosity of our donors, we were able to provide a new birthing mannequin, which makes two mannequins! That means they get more time to practice birthing techniques, including breech babies and cord wrap scenarios. We were treated extremely well by the municipal government. They put us up in a cozy hotel, and we ate home-cooked food in the communities. The town was just lovely and known for its delicious birria and the nearby waterfalls in the sierras



San Martin de Hidalgo project a great success!



Now serving 441,000 people!



872 Community Health Workers

overlooking the town. Upon completing that very successful project, Tia is now serving 441,000 people, bringing us a little closer to our goal of reaching a million people by 2025.

The staff at Tia has been very busy preparing for our annual events in San Francisco and Phoenix. The event in San Francisco will be at Tabletop tap on Tuesday, March 3rd, and will be in conjunction with some of the local Thunderbird alumni chapters as well as local guests. We will have some great silent auction items, Artisan crafts from Mexico as well as many local treats. Last year's event in San Francisco raised enough funds to hire Dr. Tamarha Peña, and she is excited to come up to thank everyone in person.

The Phoenix event will be held on April 30th at the Arizona Biltmore at 6 p.m. with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres party. We will be presenting our first-ever Tia Luminaria Award for exemplary leadership and community service to Tommy Espinoza. We could not have chosen a more worthy first recipient of this award. Mr. Espinoza is famous not only for his community



Goal:
Reach one
million by
2025

I ♥ Tia San
Francisco
event on
March 3rd

I ♥ Tia
Phoenix
event on
April 30th

service and philanthropy in the Phoenix valley but also across the border in Mexico, the birthplace of his lovely wife, Elvira. We will also host a silent auction that will include local activities, artisan crafts from Mexico, and fine art from a world-renown Mexican sculptor, Felipe Castañeda. Maestro Felipe is from Morelia, Michoacan, and donated these sculptures to Tia. Phoenix also raised enough money last year to hire Dr. Cuauhtemoc Lopez, who will be joining us at our event at the end of April to convey his gratitude to our donors in Phoenix.

Our next via trip in mid-June promises to be one for the memory books. We have a family of three women: a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter who are making the trip together. We also have a pre-med student originally from Africa; veteran board member Matt Jewett; and new board member Suzie Moreno. Most of the plans are already organized, with a bilingual chauffeur and two translators, so the volunteers will really get the most out of this experience. We will be going to the Pueblo Magico in Mascota, Jalisco. The VEAs



**Tommy
Espinoza to receive first Tia Luminaria award for leadership and community service**



**Next VEA trip
in mid-June in
Pueblo
Magico
Mascota,
Jalisco**



**New birth-
ing manne-
quin**

will work hard, helping with triage, the mobile pharmacy, assembling medical kits, and so much more. The weekend after the project, they will be treated to a weekend in Guadalajara full of sights, fabulous food, cultural experiences, and shopping. We cannot wait to share their stories with you in our next newsletter.

Tia extends a warm welcome to our two new board members, Cassie Chandler and Suzie Moreno. Cassie is a veteran global health and community development specialist and has worked for Grameen Foundation, Freedom from Hunger, and served on the board of Puente a la Salud Comunitaria, which promotes healthy families in Oaxaca. Suzie Moreno, a Phoenix native and long time Tia volunteer, has devoted much of her life to service and leadership in the Hispanic community. Suzie has volunteered with and served on many boards, including Mujer, Inc., Victoria Foundation, Latina Giving Circle, and more. Suzie is the National Accounts & Broker Relations Manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona.



VEAs will enjoy culinary and cultural delights of Guadalajara after project

**Welcome
new board
members
Suzie**

**Moreno
and Cassie
Chandler!**

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below*